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S.B. No. 1234

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the five-year master plan for higher education in this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 61.051(a-1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) To ensure that students enrolled at institutions of higher education are sufficiently prepared to meet the challenges associated with participation in the public affairs of the state and in the global economy, the [The] board shall develop a five-year master plan for higher education in this state. The five-year plan must [shall] take into account the resources of private institutions of higher education in this state, and must include:

(1) reexamination of the purposes, needs, and goals of higher education in this state;

(2) consideration of methods for defining the roles and missions of institutions of higher education in a way that is consistent with this state's needs and goals;

(3) consideration of more effective methods for funding higher education;

(4) consideration of methods for establishing a coherent long-term student financial aid strategy that takes into account both student financial need and student achievement;

(5) recommendations for strengthening collaboration

1 between two-year and four-year institutions of higher education;
2 and

3 (6) recommendations for developing and reinforcing
4 long-term collaboration between and among primary, secondary, and
5 postsecondary educational institutions.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.